THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATARYA): (a) and (b) There has been a general demand from various quarters including Mayors and the State Ministers for creating a new civic culture in the country. The Constitution (74th Amendment) Act, 1992 seeks to bring about needed reforms in the municipal governance. The State Governments are already taking action to implement agenda relating to urban sector reforms which will ultimately lead to creating a new civic culture in the country.

(c) and (d) At present, no such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.

Additions and Alterations in Lutyen's Government Bungalows

1704. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIAION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large-scale additions and alterations have been carried out in most of the Lutyen type Government bungalows in New Delhi, so as to change their very nature and character; and

(b) if so, the number of such bungalows and what percentage of their total number of Lutyen type bungalows in Delhi do these constitute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATARYA): (a) No, Sir. However, some additions/alterations have been carried out in some bungalows by CPWD as per LBZ guidelines in force and after evolving proper design merging with the nature and character of the bungalows.

(b) Not applicable in view of reply (a) above.

Approval of Unauthorised Colonies

1705. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it would be justified if approval of unauthorised colonies would be done without establishing the date when these colonies actually came into existence;

(b) whether it is a fact that the colonies, though in existence in 1993, expanded after 1993 only;

(c) if so, the policy Government would adopt while regularizing such colonies;

(d) whether the decision of Government to regularize the illegal colonies does not give a signal that one illegality breeds another; and

(e) if so, what steps are being proposed to further encroachments of land?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (e) In early 1993, Govt, of National Capital Territory of Delhi decided to recommend to the Government of India for regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi which had come up before March 31, 1993. Soon thereafter, a public interest writ petition was filed by the Common Cause in the Delhi High Court against this proposal/ recommendations. The High Court, in its interim orders, stayed action or decision by the Government for regularising these colonies.

On the directions of the Court, a High Powered Committee headed by Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development was constituted to go into the entire gamut of issue on unauthorised colonies. On the basis of the report of this Committee, the High Court asked the Government to submit its view to the Court in respect of regularisation of the colonies and the terms and conditions on which such regularisation could be done. After consulting all the local authorities including the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, a draft proposal was prepared. This proposal was sent to Delhi Government and the Government of Delhi conveyed its agreement to the draft proposal in October, 1999. Thereafter, the Government of India formulated its views and these views are being submitted to the High Court through an affidavit. The High Court, after considering these views and holding further proceedings, in the matter, will take appropriate decision. The Government will take further action in accordance with the directions/orders of the High Court.